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JOHN MUIR NATIONAL MONUMENT PROPOSED

To preserve the John Muir Home as a National Monument, HR-439 has been introduced by Congressman John F. Baldwin of Contra Costa County. Situated near the town of Martinez, the house stands on a little knoll surrounded by trees and shrubs gathered by Muir from distant parts of the earth. The house was built of redwood and stone and is in excellent condition. This was the home of John Muir for twenty-four years and he wrote many of his famous books and magazine articles here.

On the Muir ten acres there also stands the historic adobe which was built by Vincente Martinez, member of a pioneer Spanish family. Muir lived in this adobe at various times.

We are asked to contact friends in other states and request that they urge their congressmen to support the bill, HR-439. Unless there is favorable action *now* this historic site may be lost forever.

FIELD OBSERVATIONS—Seen on March 9, 4 *Barn Swallows*, in Bolinas.—Joan Mayerle.

Seen on March 9th & 10th, at Bishop's Ranch five miles from Healdsburg, three *White-tailed Kites*. It seems that they live there as they have been seen frequently in that location.—Wallace Atherton.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, Conservation Resource Center, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, announces Saturday hours through May 25. Open from 11:00 A.M.—4 P.M., the center invites friends, members, students and nature lovers both expert and amateur, to browse among the educational and inspirational materials available.

ART AND SCIENCE CAMP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Berkeley Recreation and Parks Department are taking applications for their Cazadero Art/Science Camp for boys and girls grades 5th-8th which will run two 12-day camp sessions beginning June 24 and ending July 20.

The staff will include Camp Manager-Director, Arthur C. Smith, Professor of Biological Science, Alameda State College; Science Program Coordinator, Tom Groody, Professor of Biological Science, Alameda State College, Art Program Coordinator, Arne W. Randall, Chairman Department of Art and Professor of Art, Alameda State College.

Activities will include woodland hikes, stream exploration, beach combing at low tide, star-gazing, rock-hounding, bug collecting, nature crafts, sketching, carving, puppets, ceramics, models from nature, campcraft, survival lore, campfire skits and singing, as well as swimming, boating, and other traditional sports. Outdoor and science workshops will be set up. Campers will use the equipment of professional artists and scientists.

For further information write to: Arthur C. Smith
Cazadero Art/Science Camp
1835 Allston Way
Berkeley 3, California
Phone: TH 1-0200, Ext. 372

CANYON RANCH BENEFIT FILM SHOWING

Sunroof Safari, a full length color film of African wild-life—animals, birds, plants, scenic views photographed on a 21,000-mile trip, will be shown in the Berkeley Little Theatre, Thursday, April 18, at 8 p.m. The film is to be presented jointly by Golden Gate Audubon Society and Nature Conservancy as a benefit for Canyon Ranch and Conservancy operations.

Authors of *Sunroof Safari* are Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Bakker (Elna) of Los Angeles. He is chairman and she secretary of The Nature Conservancy Southern California Chapter. He is professor of biology at Los Angeles City College and she is an elementary school teacher in Los Angeles. Mrs. Bakker gives a running commentary with the film.

The film took eight months to film and 25 game reserves were visited; 65 species of birds were filmed, many of which have never been shown in western United States before. The list includes weaverbirds, sunbirds, bee-eaters, storks. There are fine shots of weaverbird nest building, courtship of lions, rhinos at the waterhole, crocodiles eating a hippo, elephants, "portraits" of gorgeous Cape wildflowers. The film roughly follows the rainy season northward from Capetown.

Tickets are available at The Nature Conservancy office, 1711 Grove St., Berkeley, or at National Audubon Society center, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, and can be mailed as requested.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society: from Berkeley, Mrs. Lillian M. Anderson, Miss Anne Baek, Mrs. Florene D. Curtis, Mr. John Swanson, Mr. Martin J. Zonlight; from El Cerrito, Mrs. Neill Johnson; from Lafayette, Mr. Charles Jennings; from Oakland, Mr. & Mrs. James Hester, Mr. Christian Nelson, Mr. Garnet Ringsmith; from Piedmont, Mrs. E. M. Landis, Mrs. O. T. McAllister; from San Francisco, Miss Helen S. Pray, Mrs. Joseph Weiss, Mrs. Marjorie N. Wilson.

—VALERIA G. DaCOSTA, *Membership Chairman*

IN MEMORIAM

Gifts of remembrance to the Canyon Ranch Fund

In memory of
Mrs. Illma A. Douglass
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—DR. ALBERT BOLES, *Sanctuary & Memorial Fund Chairman*

APRIL MEETING

The 538th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 P. M., in the Rotary Natural Science Center in Lakeside Park, Oakland.

Edwin O. Willis, a graduate student in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, at the University of California, will present a very interesting illustrated lecture, *Birds and Army Ants*. He spent two years in Panama and Colombia studying birds that follow these insects.

A no-host dinner will be held at 6:00 P. M., at Lovely's Buffet on Grand Avenue near Perkins. Come and bring a friend.

—MYRA BROWNE, *Program Chairman*

FIELD TRIPS FOR APRIL

On Saturday, April 13, a Birding by Ear study will be made in Redwood Regional Park. A good concentration of birds can be expected in the heavy growth of trees and shrubs all announcing the arrival of Spring. Best results are obtained by assembling before day break. The sunrise on that day is at 5:40 a. m. Meet at the Redwood Road south entrance to the park at 5:15 a. m. Leader, Harold G. Peterson, phone 568-7534.

Tuesday, April 16, to Canyon Ranch in Marin County. This place is about 4 miles north of the town of Stinson Beach. It can be reached by taking State Route No. 1 starting at the south end of Richardson Bay bridge or by going through Fairfax to Olema and turning south for about 10 miles. Young egrets and herons may be seen being fed by parent birds at this time. Some early migrant land birds as well as a good number of shore birds in the adjoining lagoon should be present. Bring binoculars, telescopes, interested friends and lunch. Meet at 10 a.m. at Canyon Ranch. Look for the sign on the mail box. Persons without transportation would appreciate a ride. If you have extra space in your car drop by Lombard & Lyon Streets in San Francisco at 8:45 a. m. (No. 45 bus) and at The Ski Hut, 1615 University Ave., Berkeley at 8:30 a.m. for riders. Leader, Bertha Underhill, THornwall 8-0131.

Sunday, April 21, to Bay Farm Island. Shore birds in spring plumage should be abundant. Spring migration is usually at its height during this week. Meet at 9 a. m., at Lincoln Park, Santa Clara Ave. and High St., Alameda. Mecartney Drive and the sunken ship area will be explored in addition to any new areas created by the airport development. High tide at Golden Gate 9:26 a. m. Bring binoculars, telescopes, interested friends and lunch if you plan to stay through the period of maximum movement of birds. Leader, Lee Stallcup, LOKkhaven 9-3185.

Saturday, April 27, to McCoy Ranch, Arroyo Mocho, southwest of Livermore. Few places so close can equal the pastoral beauty of this foothill canyon in the springtime. Orioles, Phainopepla, Western Kingbirds, Yellow-billed Magpie, and Lewis' Woodpecker are usually seen. Meet in Livermore one block beyond the flagpole on Livermore Avenue at 9:30 a. m. Allow one hour driving time from Oakland. Leader, Erline Hevel, PProspect 5-6498.

Sunday, April 28, the McCoy Ranch trip will be duplicated. Leader, Carlyle Sather, PLaza 6-0581.

Saturday, May 4, to the slopes of Mount Diablo, primarily to look at flowers. About fifty species on this mountain grow no farther north or west. Mary L. Bowerman's "The Flowering Plants and Ferns of Mount Diablo" or John Thomas Howell's "Marin Flora", would be very useful. Bring lunch and interested friends. Meet at Danville at 9 a. m. at the starting point of the South Road to the mountain. Walking distance about two to three miles. Leader, Marshall Jencks, KELlogg 4-9353.

Sunday, May 5, to Jack London Ranch, Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co. This is the home of Marianne Shepard. Here are wooded slopes covered with oaks, shrubs and conifers, an ideal habitat for birds. At this season the rolling meadows will be covered with wild flowers. Red-shouldered hawks nest on the ranch at this time of the year. Meet at 9 a. m. at Glen Ellen post office. It is about one mile from Highway 12, seven miles from Sonoma and 15 miles from Santa Rosa. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescopes and interested friends. Leaders, Marianne and Susan Shepard, Box 141 Glen Ellen.

HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman.*

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